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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 25, 2005, Applicants hereby submit a copy of an European Office Action dated September 29, 2005, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 01 965 563.8, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) An Article by KANEHISA, entitled "Toward Pathway Engineering: A New Database of Genetic and Molecular Pathways," Science & Technology Japan, No. 59, pp. 34-39 (1996);
- (2) An Article by TAKAI-IGARASHI et al., entitled "A Pathway Finding System for the Cell Signaling Networks Database," In Silico Biology, Vol.1, pp. 129-146 (1999);
- (3) An Article by HISHIGAKI, entitled "Interaction-Based Analysis of Protein Function and Network," Genome Informatics, Vol. 10, pp. 257-258 (1999); and

(4) An Article by KANEHISA, entitled "Pathway databases and higher order function," *Advances in Protein Chemistry* (Received at JICST), No. 51, pp. 381-408 (2000).

The relevance to each document, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the claims, is set forth in the European Office Action.

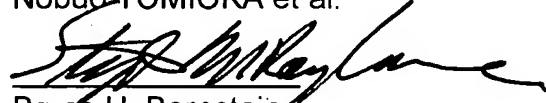
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and to make the documents cited therein of record in the instant application. Applicants note that documents (1)-(3) were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed October 25, 2005, and thus copies are not being provided herewith. A copy of the above-noted journal article (4) is attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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